

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 October 1957		2. LOCATION Fairmont, West Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1420 GMT 14/1920Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 (Each time)		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere rotating laterally in flight from SE toward Cleveland or Detroit (NW), observed during bright day. Revolving was slow and sides glistened in sunlight. Followed by identical object.				11. COMMENTS Winds generally Eastward and objects not likely to be balloons; however, characteristics of the description of a balloon sighting. Possible balloon but cannot evaluate without wind information. Case considered as insufficient data.	

REALTOR *Robert*
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

LAWLER
PHONE 1028

Neil N. McGray
Secretary Defense
Washington, D.C.

1. Sphere,
 2. Very slow speed, revolving
 3. Daytime, sunlight
- (Possibly a balloon
(limited info.)

On Monday October 14th at 2:20 P.M.
after working in my garden and helping
Mrs. [redacted] adjusting her flower beds for winter,
I was tired and stretched out in my reclining
couch chair looking eastward and saw an
unusual object coming from the south east. I
called Mr. [redacted] and pointed it out to her and
she saw it plainly. After it passed over we both
discovered it was revolving laterally very slow.
This was an unusually bright day and no
clouds. As it revolved we could see the sides as
it turned in the sun light. I asked Mrs. [redacted]
to see what time it was she went inside and
hollowed out it was 2:20, I was still looking
and hollowed to her there was another coming.
She came out and we both watched it. It was
more like a sphere. They came in a general
direction from Washington D.C. went over turnpike
West Virginia toward Cleveland or Detroit Mich.
I tried to phone the information to one
of the local papers and to one of the Radio Stations.
We took our phone numbers and the paper said
they would have a reporter call us, but that
was the last we heard from them. I told a
neighbor Rotarian about it at our Thursday meeting
he perfectly told the acting President about it who announced
it at the meeting but it stopped there.
Do you have any information on the "Sphere" at that time?

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IV
Poss. Balloon
(limited info)

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OTHERS

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Mr. [redacted]
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of 19 October 1957 addressed to the Secretary of Defense has been forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for reply.

Positive identification of your sighting has not been made as yet; however, the information will be used in our continuing analysis.

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

1 4E4 J. B. Bolieu 7 Nov 57
2 4E4 P. J. [redacted] 7 Nov 57
3 4E4 H. [redacted] 7 Nov 57
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